

Welcome to Garner



SO, YOU THINK YOU want to start a new business? First, we want to thank you for considering locating your business in Garner. Starting a new business is an exciting endeavor, but it can be stressful. You may find yourself with numerous questions that you don't have the answers to.

We have provided you a list of questions you should ask yourself as you plan to open your new business. Before you sign a lease or purchase property, answer the questions listed in what follows. Finding out these answers before you make a contractual decision can save money and time as you move forward with your plans.

Questions to Ask

Before you sign a lease or purchase property, here are some questions to consider.

If you answered no to the following, contact Garner Economic Development:

- Have you decided how you will structure your business?
- Have you developed your business plan?

Once you have a prospective location for your business, contact Garner Planning for help with these questions:

- Is the property zoned appropriately?
- Is your proposed space in a special district?
- Will you need additional landscaping?
- Will you need additional parking?
- Is water and sewer available at your location?

If you answered yes to the following, contact Garner Planning for assistance:

- Will you need a sign?
- Will you be serving food or alcohol?
- Are you planning to operate a daycare?
- Will your business produce emissions or odors?

You should also be sure to contact Garner Inspections. Here are some questions to consider:

- What are the fees associated with your project?
- Will you be making improvements or changes to the building?
- Does your proposed building meet ADA (American with Disabilities Act) requirements?
- Would you like an onsite consultation with the Garner Inspections Department?

Important Contacts

Garner Economic Development Department
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Garner Planning Department
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Garner Inspections Department
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ABC Commission of NC
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Wake County Environmental Health
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NC Secretary of State Office
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Potential Applicable Fees

There will be fees associated with starting your business. Below are a few fees that you may be required to pay. This is **not** an exhaustive list. Fees will vary depending on the type and size of your business.

- Business Registration Fee (Garner)
- Plan Review Fee (Garner)
- Sign Permit Fee (Garner)
- Inspection Fee (Garner)
- Environmental Health (Wake County)
- ABC Fees (NC-alcohol only)

Small Business Resources

Below is a list of organizations and agencies you can contact to receive additional help. Assistance is often provided at no cost.

Business Link of North Carolina
800.228.8443
www.blnc.gov

Garner Chamber of Commerce
919.772.6440
www.garnerchamber.com

N.C. Department of Commerce
800.228.8443
www.nccommerce.com/smallbusiness

NC LEAP (Lawyers for Entrepreneurs Assistance Program)
800.662.7407
www.ncbar.org/ncleap

Town of Garner Economic Development
919.773.4431
www.garnernc.gov

Wake Tech Small Business Center
919.335.1007
www.waketech.edu

Message from the Mayor

AS MAYOR OF GARNER, I want to thank you for considering our community as a place to locate your business. Garner has a rich history of cultivating and encouraging small business development. Small businesses remain a vital part of our economy. You will find that our elected leaders and town staff



are committed to helping you grow a vibrant and successful business here. We invite you to become a part of our business community and see why Garner is a "Great Place to Be in Business."

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